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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN RESEARCH SCHOLAR NOMINATIONS, 1977/78

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1. IN APPARENT EFFORT TO MEET EMBASSY'S FREQUENT OBJECTIONS TO LATE NOMINATIONS AND TO REDEEM PROMISE CITED IN REFTEL B, MINED HAS NOMINATED FIVE OF ITS 15 CANDIDATES UNDER ART I1 A, FOR 1977.

2. FIRST CANDIDATE IS LUCIAN ROSU FOR 90-DAY RESEARCH GRANT. REFTEL A SHOULD HAVE STATED MORE EXPLICITLY THAT HE BE CONSIDERED A 1977/78 NOMINEE AND NOT SIMPLY ANOTHER ADDITION TO LIST OF 90-DAY RESEARCHERS NOMINATED LAST SEPTEMBER. REASON FOR URGENCY IS FACT THAT HIS PROPOSED SPONSOR PROF WHALLON (PROBABLY WHALEN) WILL BE ON LEAVE FROM MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AFTER JUNE. REQUEST CIES CONTACT BOTH WHALEN AND PECK RE REASIBILITY OF PROJECT THIS SEMESTER. IN ADDITION TO 1976 VISIT WITH ROMANIAN RUG EXHIBIT, ROSU WORKED PART-TIME WITH BOTH MEN IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH WHILE RECUPERATING FROM KIDNEY TRANSPLATN IN 1974/75. ON BASIS OF ONE INTERVIEW, ROSU'S ENGLISH IS SHAKY, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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HE CLAIMSHE COMMUNICATED WITH WHALEN AND PECK IN FRENCH.

3. THE OTHER FOUR NOMINEES LISTED BELOW, WHOSE APPLICATIONS WILL BE POUCHED TOMORROW, ARE ALL CANDIDATES FOR 10 MONTH RESEARCH GRANTS INB BIOLOGY UNDER ROMANIAN-BORN NOBEL LAUREATE GEORGE PALADE AT YALE UNIVERSITY. THESE NOMINATIONS REPRESENT ROMANIAN EFFORTS TO RE-ESTABLISH EMINENCE

IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND ARE DIRECTLY LINKED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LABORATORY MODELED ON CELL BIOLOGY CENTER AT YALE. THE FOUR CANDIDATES WOULD WORK DIRECTLY UNDER PALADE AND WITH PROF SIMIONESCU AND WIFE, BOTH SENIOR ROMANIAN BIOLOGISTS WHO HAVE BEEN AT YALE FOR SOME TIME NOW. EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE PROJECT-RELATED NOMINATIONS MAKE GOOD SENSE AND REQUESTS CIES CONTACT PALADE FOR APPROVAL AND DETERMINATION OF DESIRABLE ETA FOR RESEARCHERS. CANDIDATES HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED FOR ENGLISH, BUT PALADE MAY BE ABLE TO CONFIRM LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY NOT ESSENTIAL. NAMES AND POSITIONS FOLLOW:

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4. MINED SAYS ROSU AND FOUR BIOLOGISTS ARE PREPARED TO LEAVE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND REQUESTS EARLY APPROVAL IF POSSIBLE.
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